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## MEMORANDUM

TO:

Members of the House of Representatives

FROM:

Representative Gary Haluska

DATE:

January 24, 2011

SUBJECT:

Co-sponsorship of legislation – Game Commission Timber Harvest (Former HB180)

In the near future, I will be introducing a bill that would set aside ten percent of revenue generated from timber sales on Game Commission land for the purpose of forest regeneration activities. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has been effectively utilizing an equivalent program since the passage of the Conservation and Natural Resources Act of 1995.

According to the most recent Game Commission Annual Report, the Commission generated \$16,393,505 from timber sales during the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year. By setting aside ten percent toward forest regeneration expenses, we are investing in stewardship practices that will enhance our existing forest ecosystems and ensure that they will be available for our children and grandchildren to enjoy.

If you would like to join me by co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Marilyn via email at mjuran@pahouse.net.